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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 28/July, through Sunday, 4/August there were 222 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE0A, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HM, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, JA, JD/m, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1MV, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T5, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TI9, TJ, TK, TL, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9N, VP2E, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XZ, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3B8, MAURITIUS. Laurent, F5AEG, is expected to be active now as **3B8/F5AEG** until **August 20th**. Activity will be on 20/15/10 meters SSB. He will try to operate from a lighthouse during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend from one of the smaller islands surrounding Mauritius. QSL via F5AEG.

3D2, ROTUMA AND FIJI ISLANDS. "425 DX News" reports that Stephane, J28VS, will operate as **3D2VS/p** from **Rotuma Island (OC-060)** between **August 30th through September 5th**. He will also be active from **Suva (OC-016), Fiji Islands**, between **September 6-11th**. Activity will be on all HF bands SSB. QSL via F6KHM either direct or through the

bureau.

8P, BARBADOS. Tom, W2SC, will be active from here in the **CQWW CW Contest (November 23-24th)** later this year as **8P5A** and as a Single Op/All Band entry. QSL via W2SC.

8P, BARBADOS. John, K4BAI, will be here **December 10-17th**. He plans to be active in the **ARRL 10 Meter Contest**, on both modes, as **8P9Z** and using high power if an amp is available. Outside of the contest, look for John to be active as **8P9HT** on 160-6 meters CW/SSB. QSL both callsigns via K4BAI.

9H, MALTA. Again a large group of Dutch amateurs will be going to Malta for their 15th holiday/DXpedition. Due of this special occasion, they have received a very special callsign **9H9PA** to be used by their group. Their operation will take place **September 16th through October 6th**. Activity will be on VHF and 40-6 meters including the WARC bands, on all modes including the digital ones. They might try 80 and 160 meters providing they can find a good spot to put up antennas for those bands. The QTH on MALTA will be in the city of **Qawra** (Grid Loc. JM75FV and IOTA EU-023). The following operators (with their own 9H3 callsigns) will participate:

Sietse	PA1XA	9H3AAG	Peter	PA7PTR	9H3TE
Ton	PA1SL	9H3AB	Louis	PA0LRK	9H3LRK
Rob	PE9PE	9H3PE	Frits	PA0BEA	9H3IE
Andre	PA3HGP	9H3S	Hans	PA3FYG	9H3AAL
Jaap	PE1NGF	9H3X	Bill	PA3BIZ	9H3ON
Ger	PA0OI	9H3OI	Sjirk	PE1OFJ	9H3YM
Barry	PA3FEO	9H3QF	Ruben	PD3RUB	9H3ZR

All QSLs for 9H3 callsigns are via home callsign CBA. The QSL Manager for 9H9PA will be: Anton Kerkhof PA7DX, Blaublomke 2, 8401 MG GORREDIJK, The Netherlands. They will try to keep an on-line log along with pictures at: <http://www.vrza.nl>

CANADIAN SPECIAL PREFIXES. The Industry Canada has authorized Canadian Radio Amateurs the use of special prefixes to celebrate the **125th anniversary of Japanese immigration to Canada**. The authority is valid from **September 1st until October 31st, 2002**. The special prefixes will be:

CK1 for VE1	CJ1 for VA1
CK2 for VE2	CJ2 for VA2
CK3 for VE3	CJ3 for VA3
CK4 for VE4	CJ4 for VA4
CK5 for VE5	CJ5 for VA5
CK6 for VE6	CJ6 for VA6
CK7 for VE7	CJ7 for VA7
CK8 for VE8	CK9 for VE9
CY1 for VO1	CY2 for VO2
CZ0 for VY0	CZ1 for VY1
CZ2 for VY2	

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager, reports that the following operations are now approved for DXCC credit:

- **Congo - TN3B and TN3W** (May 16-27th, 2002)
- **Laos - XW3ZNR** (March 20th thru May 20th, 2002)
- **Laos - XW1CKC, XW1CW, XW1EQY, XW1GBI, XW1HS, XW1IC and XW1OM** (from March 9th through April 20th, 2002)

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA (IOTA Op). Look for Yoshitake, JJ8DEN, to be active as **FO/JJ8DEN** from **Maupiti Island (OC-067)**. He will be staying **until August 4th** before moving on to the **Maupihaa Group (OC-057)** from **August 5-7th**. On **August 7th**, he will move back to **Maupiti Island** and operate **until August 9th**. Activity will be on HF on CW and RTTY with an IC-706 and HX52A. QSL via JJ8DEN either direct or via the bureau.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-147.** Samy, **JR8KJR/8**, will be active from **Yagishiri Island** starting around 0900z on **August 14th** until around 0000z on **August 16th**. Look for activity on 6, 10, 12, 15 and 17 meters SSB, and other modes. QSL direct to JR8KJR or via the JARL QSL bureau.
- **EU-023.** Jose, EA5KW, will be active, probably as **9H3KW**, from **Gozo Island August 12-18th**. He plans to operate on SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via EA5KW.
- **EU-067.** Mike, **SV1RK**, will be on for 4 to 5 days from **Ios Island** between **August 4th and about August 8th**. He will use his FT-100 and dipoles for 14 AND 21 MHz. Watch the frequencies 14170 and 21270 kHz. QSL via the SV Bureau or direct via QRZ.COM.
- **EU-084.** Mel, SM0MPV, reports that there will be activity from a **Scout and Guide Camp on Vassaro** in the coming week. They will try to be as active as time permits, but their main purpose is to take part in the Scout and Guide activities on the island. Their callsign will be **SK0HS/0**. QSL via bureau or to SM0MPV. You may read more about the island on the Web at: <http://www.stockholm.ssf.scout.se/index.htm> Just press Vassaro on the top line. There is a description in English and a lot of pictures.
- **EU-136.** Karel/OK1FBH, Martin/OK1FZM, and Petr/OK1DSM will visit the Island of **Cres (CI-012)** from **August 12-19th**. They will also activate the **Island/Lighthouse of Zaglav (CI-225, LH-2527, EU-136, CRO-020)** for one day. More details and news is available on the Web site (under "next activities") at: <http://www.inet.hr/9a6aa/>
- **EU-181.** Nick, LZ1NG, plans to be active again from **Sveta Anastasia Island** between **August 7-17th**. Activity will be on 80-6 meters SSB. QSL via LZ1NG: Nikolay Babarev, P.O.Box 356, PLOVDIV-4000, BULGARIA.
- **NA-112.** Steve, W3HF, will be active as **W3HF/4** from **Bogue Banks Island (USI NC010S)** from **August 10-17th**. Operation will be QRP on 20-10 meters, with a possibility of 30 and 40 meters activity. Equipment will be a vertical and a Yaesu FT-817. Primary mode will be PSK, with some SSB possible. This qualifies for the APE (August PSK Expedition) endorsement from the PODXS 070 Club: <http://hometown.aol.com/n3dqu/podxs070.htm> QSL via home callsign, direct or bureau.
- **NA-140.** Operators Bob/N2OO, Beth/KF2BQ and Skip N1IBM will be active as **N2CW/3** from **Smith Island, MD (USI MD003S)**, **August 26th through September 2nd**. Frequencies to watch are: SSB - 7180, 14280, 18140 and 21280 CW - around .025 kHz on each band. All frequencies are +/- QRM. QSL via N2CW or N2OO (same address): PO Box 345, Tuckerton, NJ 08087. QSL via the W2 bureau is OK.
- **SA-061.** Marco, CE6TBN, will be active as **CE6TBN/p** from **Mocha Island** between **August 9-11th**. QSL to N1IBM either direct or via the bureau.

JD, MINAMI TORISHIMA. JD1YBJ was active this past week on 18126 kHz around 2110z. QSL via the bureau or direct to the address on QRZ.COM.

LIGHTHOUSE NEWS AND ACTIVITY.....

- Mike, GM4SUC, reminds us that it is just under two weeks to go to this year's **International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend**, 0001z on Saturday, **August 17th** until 2359z on Sunday, **August 18th**, and over 225 stations in 36 countries have registered their station and site. A full list can be found at: <http://vk2ce.com/illw/2002.htm> Please allow a couple of minutes for the data to download. If you have registered your station, please check the list to see if they have your details correct. Any corrections can be sent to either: Mike gm4suc@compuserve.com Kevin vk2ce@amsat.org If you have to still register (not mandatory) please send your details to either Mike or Kevin. ADDED NOTE by Mike GM4SUC: "The rules of the International Lighthouse/lightship Weekend state that the station MUST be at or adjacent to the light, adjacent means the field next door. The ARLHS rule about 'line of sight' does NOT apply. If you wish to give out ARLHS numbers on a 'line of sight' principle then they are only applicable for ARLHS awards and have nothing to do with the International Lighthouse/lightship Weekend. If you wish to use ARLHS numbers for identification of the light you are at or adjacent then that is OK."
- Jim, EI/W5AZN (ARLHS member # 484), and Patty, EI/W5AZO (ARLHS member #485), will be vacationing in **Ireland** between **August 9-18th**. Plans are to operate 20, 15 and 12 meters mobile/portable SSB from various lighthouse locations during their trip. They will also participate in the **International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend** near the **Dun Laoghaire (Dun Leary) Lighthouse**, IRE-029. QSL to home callsigns.
- Look for **Loop Head Lighthouse** on the Western Atlantic Coast of **Ireland** to be activated during the **2002 International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend** using the callsign **EI7LHL**. The 6 man team includes operators from the 2000 and 2001 Kinsale Lighthouse ILLW. QSL via the Bureau or direct to Shay, EI6FMB. ADDED NOTE: Some 50 MHz is planned. Listen on SSB at 50.137 MHz or on CW at 50.095 MHz (QTH Grid Loc. IO52AN).
- Alfredo, IK7JWX, and possible other operators will be active **August 17-18th** from the lighthouse on **Saint Andrea Island** (Gallipoli prov. LE). Reference numbers are: ARLHS ITA084 and WLHA LH075; the island is also valid for I.I.A. LE001 and IOTA EU-091. Activity will be on all HF and WARC bands plus 6 meters (JN80XB) CW/SSB. QSL via home callsign, bureau or direct (www.qrz.com).
- Ron/KA2BZS (NJDXA & ARLHS #388) and XYL Fran will be operating from the **Twinlights at Navesink** US-530 again this year for the **International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend** sponsored by the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society. They will be active from **August 17-18th**, 1400-2100z each day on CW/SSB on 40-10 meters and the WARC bands. This lighthouse is approximately 400 feet above sea level overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. A glossy picture QSL of the lighthouse is available, see it at: <http://www.cwforever.com/navesinktwinlights.php> A SASE must be sent to Ron's CBA or via the bureau for DX stations.
- Jose, KP4WX, informs OPDX that the Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League will be activating the **Punta Mulas Lighthouse** (ARLHS number PUR-015) in **Vieques Island, Puerto Rico**, for the **International Lighthouse/ Lightship Weekend, August 17-18th**. The club callsign, **KP4ES/LGT**, will be used. Operation will be CW and SSB on 80-10

meters. A special QSL card will be available via direct. The Punta Mulas Lighthouse was built in 1896 as part of the Spanish Maritime Light Station System around Puerto Rico and adjacent islands.

- Junior, KP4ARN, states that he will be active during the **International Lighthouse Weekend** from an Old Lighthouse in **Ramey Base Aguadilla, Puerto Rico**. Activity will be on SSB and as well as SSTV (he will send out images of the lighthouse).
- Members of "Bahia Blanca DX Group" will be active in the Annual Lighthouses Contest. Operators AY7DSY, LU9ESD, LU8EBK, LU6EPR and LU8DWR will activate the **Recalada Lighthouse** for the first time on all HF Bands (SSB). QSL via LU7DSY, OK in qrz.com.
- Look for **VY2PEI** to be active on **August 7th** from **Cape Bear Lighthouse** (ARLHS CAN-092) located on **Prince Edward Island (NA-029)**. QSL via operator's instructions.
- Operators YL1ZF, YL2AO, YL2CI, YL2CQ, YL2GUI, YL2KA and YL2RR (there can be some changes in this list later) will activate **Kolkasrags Lighthouse** (sometimes called simply Kolka, ARLHS LAT-006 and WLH 1007) for the first time using the callsign **YL0A/LGT**. The team of operators will arrive early morning of **August 16th** (0300z) and will leave in the early morning of **August 19th**. They will operate on 160-10 meters, including the WARC bands + 6m + 2m, on CW/SSB/RTTY, utilizing wire and vertical antennas. They are planning to have two HF and one VHF station on the air with power no more than 100w because of the small portable generator that they will be using. This will be their only electrical power. If the weather situation will not allow them to get on the island until the evening of August 16th, then the operation will not be cancelled. The team will move some 20 miles south to the **Mikeltornis** on-shore lighthouse (LAT-010) which has never been activated before, too. Kas, YL1ZF, informs OPDX readers that the Kolkasrags lighthouse is located on top of the Kurland peninsula about 5.2 km from the coast on a small island. This is the place where the Riga Gulf is joins with the main sea. Therefore, the sailing situation for small boats is often difficult. Because the lighthouse is located on large sandbank, there is no other way to get on the island with a bigger ship. The island is about 2000 m² (ed. ??). The lighthouse tower was erected back in 1884 and is still operational. There are three small subsidiary buildings ready for team use. The only population on island is a lot of seagulls and three seadogs :-). There has never been any ham operation from this lighthouse and island before.
- (UPDATE/MORE DETAILS) Andrew, ZS1AN, will be operating from **Dassen Island Lighthouse** during **International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend** using the callsign **ZS1AN/P**. Dassen Island is a member of IOTA **AF-064**, the Western Cape Province South West group. Andrew plans to operate from approximately 1600z on Friday, **August 16th** until 1200z on Sunday, **August 18th**. Mode will be primarily CW, operating on or around the following frequencies: 7026, 14026, 21026 and 28026 KHz. He will be designing a special QSL card with the relevant IOTA information for the occasion. Please QSL direct to PO Box 350, Newlands 7725, South Africa. If you would like a direct response, then please include a green stamp or IRC. All other replies will be sent via the bureau. Please note that the operation is weather dependant as the island can only be reached by a small boat. Additional information can be found at:
<http://www.qsl.net/zs1an/dassen.html>

MOUNTAIN POLAR RADIO EXPEDITION. Members of the Russian Robinson Club plan to be active as **R3RRC/1** between **August 9-23rd** from the **Khibiny Mountains**, Kola Peninsula (RM-0101 for Russian Mountain Award). The activity will be on HF and VHF bands.

For more information regarding the "Russian Mountain Award", go to the Web site at: <http://www.hamradio.ru/rrc/AWARDS/rma.htm> However, the Web page is in Russian. QSL via operator's instructions.

OOOPSSS DEPARTMENT. There were two small typos in last week's issue OPDX.572. The issue date was incorrect; it should have said **July 29, 2002** (not July 22). Also, Uganda was listed as "5U" and should have been "**5X**".

P4, ARUBA. John, W2GD, will be active from here in the **CQWW SSB Contest** later this year as **P40W** and as a Single Op/All Band entry. QSL via N2MM.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Ralph, K2PF, informs OPDX that he is now handling QSL cards for Igor, **4K5D**.
- EA3BT has uploaded some photos of their recent **TN3B/TN3W** Congo DXpedition at: <http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage28.htm>
- Svetly, **W4/LZ3SM**, informs OPDX that he was active in the IOTA Contest from Tangier Island (IOTA NA-083 and USIA VA001S). His QSL Manager for North/South America and Pacific station will be Pieter, AI2P. QSL cards for Europe and Russia, please QSL via his home callsign LZ3SM. He has a Web page for their activity (WF1L/4, AI2P/4 and W4/LZ3SM) from Tangier Island/Accomack County at: http://www.k4lrg.org/Contests/WF1L_IOTA_2002.htm

VK9C, COCOS-KEELING ISLAND. Hirotada, JA0SC, is expected to be active as **VK9CI** from **August 25-29th**. Activity will be mainly on 15 meters RTTY and SSTV using only 200 watts into a monobander. QSL via JA0SC: Hirotada Yoshiike, 722-1 Shiba Matsushiro-cyo, Nagano-city 381-1214, Japan.

VK0M, MACQUARIE ISLAND. **VK0MQI** was active last week, but he was a little late for stateside. Watch 28580 or 21280 after 0500z.

ZONE 2. Ed, W0SD, will be operating as **W0SD/VO2** from Zone 2 in **Labrador, August 17-18th**. Activity will be on 40 and 20, 15 and 10 meters SSB on the same frequencies used at CY9DH and FP/W0SD. Anyone wanting a CW, RTTY or WARC band contact should call in and Ed will be happy to make a schedule. Antennas will be same as other operations and running 500 watts.

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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